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# The New Majority 2000

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**National Youth Leadership Initiative**  
**Los Angeles Unified School District**

**School:** Belmont High School    **Local Dist:** F

**Title of Project:** The New Majority 2000

**Community Need Identified:** Voter Apathy & Community Disengagement



**Standards Connections:** 11.2 Students analyze the relationship among the rise of industrialization, large scale rural-to urban migration, and massive immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe.

**Teachers Involved:** Rodney Gentry 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
Lorig Janoyan, Spanish  
Amy Uyeshima, Math

**Partner Organizations:** Cesar E Chavez Foundation

**Service Group:** Belmont Students & Broader Pico-Union Community

**Number Served:** 1,000 high school students

**Number Engaged:** 90 high school students

**Project Description:**

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in a month-long Intersession class organized by members of their faculty and service-learning coaches from the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation. For three hours a day for four weeks, students learned about *The New Majority 2000* and planned various community projects that would help address the needs of this new majority. They planned an assembly for the senior students at school where they were informed of important political issues such as the environment, military, the Patriot Act, gay marriage, and education and were given the opportunity to register to vote. The culminating project was a community focused rally held on Cesar Chavez Day to empower and inform community members about the importance of voting and being civically involved.

